

# The Southeast News

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## National Youth Forum Meets In Washington

The Southeast Convention Pilgrim Fellowship was represented at the 1964 national Youth Forum of the United Church of Christ by its president, Jimmy Lightbourne, of Atlanta, its vice-president, Lee Harris, of Columbus, and by Rev. Robert W. Hendrix, Waycross, the chairman of the Southeast Convention committee on Christian Education and Youth Work.

Eighty teenagers representing 39 states attended the week-long study of government and politics which was held June 27-July 3 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in downtown Washington, D. C.

The young people, leaders of youth activities in their home churches and areas, heard addresses by government officials, members of Congress and educators. They visited the State Department, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and both Houses of Congress. They also called on Senators and Congressmen from their home states.

Special features of the program were visits to several embassies, including those of Ghana, France, Brazil, and Soviet Russia.

The Youth Forum, which takes up a different subject and meets in a different place each year, met last summer in Atlanta for a study of the problems of race relations.

The purpose of the Forum is to give young people of the United Church an opportunity to explore important social issues.

The delegates to the Forum are from the denomination's regional conferences, each conference sending two teen-agers and one adult leader.

Leadership is provided by the Youth Ministry staff of the Division of Christian Education of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. Members of this staff, all of Philadelphia, are Henry Tani, the Rev. Scott Libbey, Miss Elinor Galusha, Rev. Elliott Finlay, and Herman Ahrens, editor of YOUTH.

## Churches Urged Give Generous OCWM Support

A total of \$16,585,562.91 was contributed by the churches of the United Church of Christ to Our Christian World Mission during the year 1963.

\$5,490,487.24 was retained by the conferences and conventions of the denomination to support their programs. \$11,095,075.67 was distributed to the national boards and agencies for their work in this country and around the world.

The Southeast Convention raised a total of \$32,094.24 for OCWM. \$23,368.45 was used within the convention in support of its various projects and normal operation. \$8,725.79 was sent in support of the work of the national boards and agencies.

Last year, across the denomination, 67% of the total OCWM was sent to the national boards and agencies and 33% was retained by the conferences and conventions and 61.2% will be sent to the national boards and agencies.

This means that even though the total OCWM increases by a minimum of 3% to \$17,083,129, the total dollar amount available to the national boards and agencies will be less in 1964 than in 1963. This is a matter that should concern all of us.

The OCWM receipts in the Southeast Convention for the first six months of 1964 total approximately \$14,800.00. This is an increase of about \$1,000 over the similar period in 1963.

However, if the budget of the convention is to be met, \$21,000.00 must be received during the next six months. On the basis of previous experience it seems safe to assume a minimum of \$18,000.00 can be expected to be received during this period. This means a special effort must be made to secure the additional \$3,000.00.

The full cooperation of each church is needed if the goal is to be met and the convention is to continue on its Program of Progress.

## Fiftieth Year Marked Ministers Annuity Fund

The Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers began the celebration of its 50th anniversary on May 26th.

Established in the spring of 1914, the fund was a pioneer in providing the means for assuring modest retirement allowances for retired ministers and their widows.

William Kincaid Newman, executive vicepresident of both the Annuity Fund and the Retirement Fund for Lay Workers, reported to the board of trustees of the two boards that the Annuity Fund increased its assets in 1963 by more than 10 per cent.

Book value of the Fund's assets at the end of 1963 was \$43,439,544, an increase over 1962 of \$4,132,048, or 10.1 per cent. Market value of the assets on the same date was \$50,201,844, Mr. Newman reported.

Last year the Fund earned 4.82 per cent, compared with 4.74 per cent in 1962.

Total payments to members increased from \$1,261,140 in 1962 to \$1,330,701 in 1963.

Dividends to those becoming annuitants rose to 38 per cent for 1964. A special extra dividend in 1963 amounted to 10 per cent.

Operating cost of the Fund, according to Dr. Howard E. Spragg, treasurer, was less than one-half of one per cent of the total assets.

As of December 31, 1963, the Annuity Fund had a membership of 5,266 ministers, a gain of 105 over the previous year.

Congregational Christian churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church united in 1957 to form the United Church of Christ. The Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers together with the Evangelical and Reformed Church Board of Pensions and Relief together serve all ministers of this 2,057,000 member denomination. Churches of the denomination are urged to make sure their pastors are enrolled in the fund.

## THE SOUTHEAST NEWS

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## Superintendent's Corner

We have been to the New York World's Fair. It was an interesting experience for each member of our family. While our time at the fair was brief — just two days — we were able to pack a lot of activities into the period.

There are a number of obvious questions people ask about the fair. "Is it expensive?" We did not find it so. The great majority of the interesting buildings and exhibits are free. While there are expensive places at which to eat, there are also good places geared to family budgets. "Do you have to walk a lot?" Yes — unless you want to spend \$10 to \$20 a day on transportation. But by planning your day and careful use of the inexpensive transportation available walking can be held down.

"Do you have to stand in line?" Yes — for some of the more popular exhibits like General Motors, Ford, General Electric, IBM, and others. But the lines move along and the exhibits are worth seeing.

"Is it hard to get to the fair grounds?" No — routes for driving and parking and public transportation are well marked and easily followed.

"Did you enjoy the Fair and do you recommend it?" We had a great time and would go again if we had the chance.

I can't resist a little sermon. Much of the fair is about the future. Will the dreams set forth come true? Dreams do come true if people work at them. Most of my life I've been aware of the dream of a bridge or tunnel to connect Norfolk, Virginia, with Cape Charles, Va., on the Del-Mar-Va peninsula. The distance is 16 miles across the Chesapeake Bay. The new bridge-tunnel system was opened this spring. We drove across it on our trip. Dreams do come true.

## Letter From Laymen Of Interest To All

The letter printed below was received from two leading laymen from our church in Evarts, Ky., of which Rev. Carolyn P. Welch is the minister. It is shared with the readers of The Southeast News in the hope it will prove of help to other churches in the convention.

Editor, The Southeast News  
Dear Sir:

Having been recent delegates to our annual convention, may we express our great disappointment that the proposed agreement for a United Church Conference was defeated. We feel a great wrong has been done to our church in the South. We feel that some great fear of an integrated church conference caused many to vote against the proposed agreement.

In the hope that our experience toward an integrated church might help, we would like to post our church's experience toward integration.

(1) We are the only United Church of Christ church in eastern Kentucky.

(2) We integrated our Vacation Bible School three years ago; both students and teachers. Attendance at these schools have been about 50% Negro and 50% white. These schools were started two years before the public schools in our county were integrated.

(3) The Girl Scouts are integrated and we hope to have our Boy Scout troop integrated soon.

(4) About a year ago our church took a formal vote and voted to integrate our whole church program for all who wished to come. This fact was passed on to the leaders of our Negro community. There have been very few Negroes who have chosen to attend our Sunday services. However, on special occasions there have been several who have come to our services.

During our procession toward integration there have been many fears expressed by members of our own congregation and townspeople. The position taken by our church is well known in the community. In the three years since we first integrated our Vacation Bible School we have had absolutely no trouble of any kind.

We feel that we still have a long way to go for our church to be what Christ would want us to be, but we have traveled a long way in the last three years.

We honestly feel that if we can take these steps in our church that other

## HERE AND THERE NEWS BRIEFS

Mr. William E. Peterson, Regional Secretary of the Central West Region of the Council for Lay Life and Work, and formerly director of the National Laymen's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches, met with laymen of the churches of Atlanta, Ga., on Friday, May 29th. Also present was President Walter A. Graham of Southern Union College. Dr. Graham is also a former director of the National Laymen's Fellowship.

Mr. Peterson will retire from the Council for Lay Life and Work in August of this year.

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Rev. Carolyn P. Welch, pastor of the Evarts, Ky., Congregational Christian Church, attended the special seminar sponsored by the Town and Country Department of the United Church at Merom Institute, Indiana, June 22-July 3. It was an honor for Miss Welch to be chosen, for just a few pastors were invited from across the country.

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The Rev. Carroll W. Lewis, now the pastor at the Rosemont Congregational Christian Church, South Norfolk, Va., conducted the annual revival services at the Langdale Church May 31-June 5. Mr. Lewis is a former pastor of the church, which is now served by Rev. George W. Stowe.

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Rev. Walter F. Crosby, at one time the pastor of the Soddy and Daisy, Tenn., churches, is now the pastor of the Center United Church of Christ, South Boston, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Crosby have four children — Danny 12, David 8, Deborah 6, and Dannah 1½.

The church recently observed the 10th anniversary of its founding.

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Dr. Arthur S. Wheelock, for many years minister of the Church in the Highlands, White Plains, New York, and recently the interim pastor of First Congregational Church, Knoxville, Tenn., is the new Executive Secretary of the Historical Society. He assumed the position as of June 1, succeeding Dr. Vaughan Dabney, now retired.

churches in the convention can do it also.

Sincerely yours,  
Walter Asher  
W. A. Buckner

## SOUTHEAST CONVENTION ACTING CONFERENCE: Alabama; Florida; Georgia; Kentucky; South Carolina; Tennessee

Church Number	CHURCHES	Org.	PASTORS			TOTAL MEMBERS	MEMBERS ADDED		Total Members Removed	Church School Enrollment	OUR MISSION TO OTHERS					OUR MISSION AT HOME			Value of All Property (in thous.)
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																	Conference	National	
Alabama																			
1	Alexander City, Hunt, 103 11th Ave., S.	1945	yA. C. Pemberton, Lic.	'60	61	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	640	164	804	28		
2	Andalusia, Antioch, Rt. 2, 8 mi. N.	1873	R. C. Lentz, Lay.	'63	157	—	—	—	45	75	25	5	0	105	3,587	0	3,587	32	
3	" 1st, 341 Dunson St.	1943	O. L. Culpepper	'63	90	0	1	28	79	70	23	5	0	98	3,150	616	3,766	35	
4	Birmingham, Pilgrim, 3801 Montclair Rd.	1903	A. L. Henry	'63	245	3	11	23	173	1,147	382	273	10	1,812	20,773	21,028	41,801	343	
5	Brantley, Indian Creek, Rt. 3	1919	yE. H. Henby, L. O.	'60	14	0	0	0	21	39	12	0	0	51	709	25	734	6	
6	" Liberty, Rt. 1	1887	yE. H. Henby, L. O.	'61	16	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	652	68	720	4	
7	Caddo, 1st	1903	E. T. Shelton	'55	82	19	23	0	90	94	31	0	92	217	1,606	257	1,863	15	
8	Clio, New Hope, Rt. 1, 6 mi. S.	1891	N. A. Long	'63	143	—	—	—	42	94	31	0	0	125	1,840	0	1,840	6	
9	Dadeville, Elder, Rt. 1, 10 mi. N.	1895	B. J. Robinson	'61	63	0	2	1	70	78	26	22	0	126	1,200	178	1,378	27	
10	East Tallassee, C.C., 307 S. Tallassee Dr	1890	B. J. Traylor	'63	90	2	8	0	95	346	115	15	0	476	3,000	1,392	4,392	70	
11	Garden City, C.C., U. S. 31	1918		'61	33	0	0	2	34	150	50	10	0	210	2,354	3,550	5,904	17	
12	Hackleburg, Fairview, Rt. 2	1891	B. Aderholt, Lic.	'61	30	0	0	0	55	45	15	0	0	60	1,400	0	1,400	5	
13	Hanceville, Mt. Grove	1891	I. R. Whitley	'63	68	0	0	22	35	19	6	30	0	55	1,827	0	1,827	13	
14	Headland, Blackwood, 4 mi. N. W.	1894	J. H. Brown, L. O.	'64	127	7	7	8	96	160	53	178	0	391	1,261	600	1,861	9	
15	Huntsville, United, b	1960	W. R. Berry	'61	54	0	21	0	100	449	149	0	55	653	10,369	2,130	12,499	48	
16	LaFayette, Pleasant Grove, Rt. 3	1886	E. S. Fetner	'61	54	0	1	3	66	79	26	100	0	205	1,826	0	1,826	25	
17	Lanett, C.C., 900 S. Seventh St.	1896	W. W. Hall	'63	406	4	11	12	148	2,267	756	1,495	400	4,918	9,295	770	10,065	180	
18	Langdale, C.C., 2400 65th St.	1930	G. W. Stowe, Jr.	'61	256	7	8	7	175	1,500	501	698	88	2,787	11,742	2,665	14,407	70	
19	Midland City, Chr. Hill, Rt. 1	1893		'16	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	310	0	310	2	
20	Montgomery, United	1961	H. C. Henderson	'62	29	0	7	8	46	301	100	29	0	430	9,004	23,972	32,976	40	
21	Mt. Creek, Union, Rt. 1, 18 mi. N. Wetumpka	1891	G. G. Norris	'58	66	1	2	0	73	23	7	0	0	30	2,688	550	3,238	14	
22	Phenix City, 1st, 1608 14th Ct.	1920	W. D. Noles, Lic.	'59	113	1	4	2	108	38	12	0	0	50	5,537	0	5,537	90	
23	" Russell Woods, 23rd Ct.	1957		'106	—	—	—	—	80	38	12	0	0	50	5,640	5,000	10,640	55	
24	Roanoke, Antioch, 5 mi. S.	1869	W. P. Pike	'63	82	3	3	0	37	105	35	0	0	140	1,567	0	1,567	17	
25	" Bethany, 7 mi. E.	1896	yE. G. Clark, L. O.	'63	55	1	25	1	51	0	0	0	0	0	1,116	800	1,916	10	
26	" 1st	1923	yO. E. Sheppard	'51	55	3	8	0	50	0	0	81	0	81	2,132	630	2,762	9	
27	" Forest Home, Rt. 2	1893		'49	0	0	0	5	55	30	10	0	0	40	1,285	0	1,285	9	
28	" Lowell, Handley Ave. & W. Piedmont	1900	C. W. Bell	'63	207	1	7	11	97	300	100	250	150	800	9,633	0	9,633	64	
29	" New Hope, Rt. 1	1850	yO. E. Sheppard	'55	56	0	0	0	30	133	44	0	0	177	1,536	0	1,536	7	
30	" Rock Stand	1908	yJ. W. Roberts	'55	93	0	1	25	93	75	25	0	0	100	2,159	0	2,159	10	
31	Shawmut, Todd, Gullatt Ave.	1950	A. C. Nelson	'59	89	7	18	14	78	113	37	55	50	255	2,180	1,870	4,050	43	
32	Steele, Mt. Lebanon, 5½ mi. W., Hgwy. 42	1905	yH. Barnes	'60	70	12	13	1	65	36	12	0	0	48	675	0	675	15	
33	Tallassee, Mt. Olive, Rt. 1	1890	J. W. Wilder, Lic.	'61	113	3	13	3	65	68	22	35	0	125	4,580	3,500	8,080	20	
34	Wadley, Beulah	1890	yJ. W. Roberts	'54	48	3	28	1	38	0	0	0	0	0	1,518	0	1,518	5	
35	" Chr.	1911	A. R. Van Cleave	'62	47	0	0	10	37	270	250	206	0	786	1,092	0	1,092	10	
36	Wedowee, Noon Day	1898	yG. R. Walker	'59	87	0	1	1	37	0	0	0	0	0	1,430	390	1,820	8	

b Also reported last year by S. Ind.

d Revision of roll

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																	Con- ference	National	
Florida																			
37	Baker, Good Hope, Rt. 2, 7 mi. W.	1922	J. H. Brown, L. O.	'62	48	0	3	2	54	0	0	0	0	765	1,170	1,938	18		
38	Bonifay, New Effort	1888	yI. J. Robinson, L. O.	'59	30	0	0	0	50	135	45	0	0	180	800	0	800	8	
39	Crestview, Dorcas	1892	C. H. Stewart	'63	181	—	—	—	65	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	500	10	
Georgia																			
40	Ambrose, Chr., Main St.	1915	yR. N. Overstreet	'60	49	4	5	1	30	0	0	0	0	2,270	0	2,270	22		
41	Atlanta, Center, 1055 Moores Mill Rd., N.W.	1888	R. H. Lasseter	'63	66	5	7	0	38	180	60	50	0	290	4,434	0	4,434	25	
42	" Central, Piedmont & Ponce de Leon Aves., N.E.	1882	F. A. Meyer	'62	595	2	31	141	265	3,733	1,279	1,159	225	6,396	25,319	16,525	41,844	353	
43	Barnesville, Fredonia, 5 mi. E.	1852	W. W. Martin	'62	98	0	0	2	34	300	100	28	0	428	3,898	0	3,898	27	
44	Braselton, Macedonia, Hgwy. 53, 4 mi. N.	1888	H. C. Weaver	'61	60	1	3	1	38	35	11	0	0	46	1,455	841	2,296	14	
45	Columbus, 1st, Norris Rd. & Norris Cir.	1903	J. K. Harris, Lic.	'62	117	0	5	3	65	315	105	0	0	420	7,084	0	7,084	46	
46	" United, 2718 Beacon Ave.	1909	W. S. Wood	'52	103	4	14	89	84	45	15	0	0	60	3,000	0	3,000	112	
47	Demorest, Fed., Georgia St. & Hazel Ave.	1892	G. N. Pressley, Meth.	'62	24	0	0	9	45	289	126	30	35	480	2,812	0	2,812	30	
48	Gaillard, Pleasant Hill, 6 mi. S. of Roberta	1883	H. E. Williams, Sr., Lic.	'59	44	0	1	1	30	19	6	36	0	61	1,533	0	1,533	6	
49	Hampton, Co. Line, 3 mi. E. of Lovejoy on McDonough Rd.	1888	yR. J. Barnes	'56	64	1	1	0	60	45	15	16	0	76	2,040	0	2,040	12	
50	LaGrange, Hillside, 500 Lee St.	1921	R. L. Chatham	'47	144	7	12	5	135	45	15	0	0	60	4,953	0	4,953	55	
51	" United, 623 Juniper St.	1903	L. F. Carmack	'61	257	3	14	4	141	578	193	545	0	1,316	8,908	3,289	12,197	85	
52	Meansville, 1st C.C.	1854	T. Isbell	'54	121	—	—	—	16	34	11	0	0	45	715	0	715	8	
53	Pearson, Union Hill, 3 mi. S. E.	1892	yR. W. Hendrix H. Y. Sears, L. O., Asst.	'57	61	0	0	8	40	156	52	0	0	208	3,549	0	3,549	18	
54	Pine Mountain, Oak Grove, Rt. 2, 3 mi. N., Hgwy. 27	1899	W. M. McCullars	'58	123	5	6	2	58	450	150	445	0	1,045	6,024	1,439	7,463	32	
55	Richland, 1st	1901	G. S. Hunt	'61	134	—	—	—	28	75	25	0	0	100	1,860	0	1,860	33	
56	Waycross, Williams Chap., Central Ave. Ext., 3 mi. E.	1933	R. D. Worley	'61	161	1	5	1	159	99	32	0	0	131	5,632	985	6,617	43	
57	West Point, Bethel, 1 mi. fr.	1948	W. A. Hodnett, Lic.	'61	74	3	4	0	53	177	136	0	0	313	2,476	5,225	7,701	30	
58	Woodbury, Jones Chap.	1850	L. K. Ramsey, Lic.	'63	146	2	2	3	97	0	0	0	0	0	2,438	0	2,438	6	
Kentucky																			
59	Evarts, 1st, Yokum & Turner Sts.	1892	Carolyn P. Welch	'58	184	—	—	—	50	683	227	25	0	935	6,500	0	6,500	50	
60	Stearns, Com., U. S. 27	1918	R. D. Matthews, Meth.	'61	27	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	3,500	0	3,500	25	
South Carolina																			
61	Charleston, Circular, 136 Meeting St.	1681	W. R. Barnhart	'58	228	7	14	28	125	765	255	166	70	1,256	15,006	3,957	18,963	250	
Tennessee																			
	Chattanooga, Pilgrim, Glenwood & E. Third St.	1914	A. Slater	'44	352	7	28	23	175	3,055	1,029	1,759	186	6,029	22,550	7,889	30,439	241	
63	Crossville, 1st, Rt. 5, Lantana Rd.	1888	W. R. Winterbottom, L. O.	'63	88	1	11	10	92	674	225	29	0	928	7,358	7,120	14,478	63	
64	Daisy, 1st, Old Mountain Rd.	1925	J. R. Ashley, Meth.	'62	84	0	1	1	90	112	38	0	0	150	3,800	0	3,800	67	

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65	Deer Lodge, C.C.	1887	yAnnie R. Campbell	'60	16	2	2	2	160	90	50	50	55	245	851	2,132	2,983	10	
66	Glen Mary C.C., Hgwy. 27	1885	yAnnie R. Campbell	'60	15	0	0	0	23	59	31	53	33	176	1,592	0	1,592	5	
67	Knoxville, 1st, 500 W. Church St.	1956	A. R. Meserve	'57	251	3	12	19	125	355	118	0	0	473	21,751	11,274	33,025	300	
68	Nashville, Brookmeads, 700 Bresslyn Rd.	1953	C. C. Flannery	'56	100	0	19	5	75	525	175	0	30	730	11,235	2,405	13,640	95	
69	Pleasant Hill, Com.	1885	F. R. Shavely	'59	107	0	0	0	57	380	207	110	0	697	11,015	1,533	12,548	155	
70	Robbins, Barton Chap., Hgwy. 27	1885	yAnnie R. Campbell	'60	32	0	0	0	40	97	32	78	62	269	1,000	700	1,700	25	
71	Soddy, 1st, Depot St.	1863	K. R. Whittemore, Lic.	'63	40	0	0	12	65	150	50	0	0	209	3,990	0	3,990	22	
Membership of churches dropped in 1963: Gifts — church name not given:										1,397	988	0	0	2,385					
Totals:					7,003	135	383	677	5,108	23,194	8,668	8,126	1,541	41,523	333,929	136,639	470,568	3,662	
CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES STANDING ONLY Schedule I ♦																			
Alabama																			
72	Alexander City, Antioch	1852	yA. C. Pemberton, Lic.	'58	24	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	446	0	446	3	
73	Arley, Robertsons Chap.	1900	yH. Barnes	'62	26	—	—	—	27	23	7	0	0	30	363	0	363	3	
74	Five Points, State Line	1852	L. Brown, Lic.	'63	61	—	—	—	36	0	0	0	0	0	1,826	0	1,826	6	
75	Haleyville, Union Grove, 2 mi. N. W.	1801	R. L. Shelton	'61	52	9	12	1	75	54	18	0	0	72	5,021	0	5,021	34	
76	Houston, Liberty Hill	1879		'10	10	—	—	—	—	2	1	0	0	3	177	0	177	2	
77	Lanett, Huguley	1941	B. Williams, Meth.	'41	8	8	16	55	—	0	0	0	0	0	1,570	0	1,570	25	
78	Lineville, New Harmony	1898	(Inactive)	'4	0	0	0	527	10	3	13	0	0	26	307	0	307	2	
79	Moulton, Jones Chap.	1896	yR. M. Waugh	'36	14	0	0	—	25	0	0	0	0	0	337	0	337	3	
80	Pisgah	1920	G. L. Colbert	'62	14	0	0	3	—	0	0	15	0	15	943	0	943	6	
81	Seman, Balm of Gilead	1896	yW. M. Fulmer	'62	9	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	250	1	
82	Town Creek, Old Liberty	1891	yR. M. Waugh	'51	46	3	4	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	300	0	300	4	
83	Wadley, Corinth	1893	yG. R. Walker	'62	75	0	0	3	78	28	9	147	0	182	869	1,734	2,603	10	
84	Wedowee, Cavers Grove	1924	yB. C. Spivey, Lay.	'63	46	0	0	1	30	0	0	0	0	0	1,008	0	1,008	5	
Georgia																			
85	Bowman, Liberty	1878	yR. H. Abbott	'59	62	9	10	4	48	36	12	0	0	48	904	0	904	4	
86	Crest, Hebron, nr. Thomaston	1889	B. A. Manley, Lic.	'57	59	1	4	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	2,715	0	2,715	5	
87	Doerun, Poplar Arbor	1910	J. S. Morris, Lay.	'62	23	6	11	1	16	0	0	0	0	0	700	0	700	7	
88	Enigma, Chr.	1908	G. E. Turner, Lay.	'63	61	0	0	2	40	0	0	0	0	0	3,361	0	3,361	20	
89	Meansville, Liberty		(Inactive)		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
90	Richland, Providence Chap.	1837	yR. J. Barnes	'58	45	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,219	0	1,219	5	
91	Tifton, Vanceville	1913	yR. H. Abbott	'59	78	—	—	—	54	0	0	0	0	0	3,000	0	3,000	10	
Membership of churches dropped in 1963: Totals (Schedule I):					772	36	57	344	516	151	50	175	0	376	25,316	1,734	27,050	154	

◇ Schedule I. Congregational Christian Churches which have not voted, or which have voted to abstain from voting at the time of submitting the Conference Report  
 5 Revision of roll

Church Number	CHURCHES		Org.	PASTORS		TOTAL MEM- BERS	MEMBERS ADDED		Total Members Removed	Church School Enrollment	OUR MISSION TO OTHERS				OUR MISSION AT HOME			Value of All Property (in thous.)
	Location and Name of Church	Name		Year Called	C		Total	Our Christian World Mission			Other Denom. Gifts	Ecu- menical Minist- ries	Total to Others	Current Expenses	Capital Pay- ments	Total at Home		
Schedule II ☉																		
Alabama																		
92	Andalusia, Coldwater	1923			34	—	—	—	23	0	0	0	0	0	475	0	475	5
93	" New Home	1894	yM. O. Worley	'80	25	—	—	—	10	0	0	0	0	0	432	0	432	3
94	Ashland, Bethel	1892	yB. C. Spivey, Lay.	'60	45	—	—	—	32	0	0	0	0	0	1,350	0	1,350	16
95	Eclectic, Watsons Chap., Rt. 2	1892	yW. M. Fulmer	'62	50	3	3	17	30	0	0	0	0	0	869	0	869	16
96	Roanoke, Mt. Zion	1893	yE. G. Clark, L. O.	'57	57	—	—	—	49	0	0	0	0	0	1,329	0	1,329	19
97	" Rock Spring	1884			37	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	439	0	439	3
98	Seman, Com.	1933	A. Nelson	'58	45	1	1	6	25	0	0	0	0	0	1,500	0	1,500	4
Florida																		
99	Baker, Pyrons Chap., 3 mi. N.	1897	yI. J. Robinson, L. O.	'60	53	0	0	1	55	0	0	0	0	0	1,069	0	1,069	10
Georgia																		
100	Baxley, Friendship, 3 mi. W.	1876	T. E. Beach	'56	111	—	—	—	50	0	0	0	0	0	1,280	0	1,280	8
101	Bristol, Antioch, 9 mi. N.	1898	yR. N. Overstreet	'56	73	—	—	—	46	0	0	0	0	0	939	0	939	4
102	Buford, Duncans Creek, Hwy. 124, nr. Lawrenceville & Braselton	1885	C. V. Rary, L. O.	'60	101	0	3	2	100	23	7	0	0	30	1,200	0	1,200	34
103	Doerun, New Light	1904	yW. C. Carpenter	'57	18	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	320	0	320	2
104	Douglas, 1st, 1308 N. Madison Ave.	1950	yW. C. Carpenter	'63	79	—	—	—	26	0	0	0	0	0	2,500	0	2,500	35
105	Tifton, 1st	1952	(Inactive)		51	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Membership of churches dropped in 1963: Totals (Schedule II):					779	4	7	60	446	23	7	0	0	30	13,702	0	13,702	184

◇ Schedule II. Congregational Christian Churches which have voted not to be part of the U. C. C. at the time of submitting the Conference Report

CHURCHES DROPPED: (8) Cragford, Ala., Mt. Carmel; Daviston, Ala. McGuire's Chap.; Delta, Ala., Wesley's Chap.; Goodwater, Ala., Oak Hill; Lineville, Ala., Dingler's Chap.; Lineville, Ala., Shady Grove; Lineville, Ala., Spring Hill; Oxford, Ga., Sardis.

YOKED CHURCHES: Nos. 1-72; 5-6; 25-96; 26-29; 30-34; 32-73; 36-83; 38-99; 40-101; 49-90; 65-67-82; 81-86; 84-94; 85-91; 103-104.



## HERE AND THERE NEWS IN BRIEF

The annual United Nations Seminar (for adults) sponsored by the United Church Council for Christian Social Action will be held at the Church Center for the United Nations October 20-22. The registration fee and seminar dinner cost is \$7.50. Housing, meals, and travel are in addition. Persons interested should contact the convention office or write to Dr. Herman F. Reising, 777 United Nations Plaza, 9th Floor, New York, N. Y., 10017.

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A United Nations Seminar for Youth sponsored jointly by the United Church Youth Ministry Division and the Council for Christian Social Action will be held Monday and Tuesday, November 9-10 at the Church Center for the United Nations. The young people must be in the 11th or 12th grade. Adult leaders of young people are eligible. The registration fee is \$5.50. Housing, meals, travel, etc., is in addition. For further information write to the convention office or Dr. Henry Tani, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Tenn., 19102.

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A monograph on the life and work of Dr. Warren Hathaway Denison, affectionately known as the "Mr. Stewardship" of the Christian Church, has been written by Dr. James H. Lightbourne Sr., father of Supt. Lightbourne. Mrs. Judson F. Fiebigler of Iowa, daughter of Dr. Denison, cooperated with Dr. Lightbourne in preparing the booklet.

Copies are available from The Congregational Christian Historical Society, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., 02108.

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The Rev. Arnold Slater, pastor of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, was the guest speaker at the Indiana-Kentucky United Church Conference Annual Meeting representing the Executive Council of the United Church, of which he is a member. The annual meeting was held in Indianapolis.

Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. also appeared on the program, speaking on the theme "Racial Justice Now."

Rev. Clyde C. Flannery was formally elected an associate minister of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference at the meeting.

## Near East Council Of Churches Recently Formed

A little noted but highly significant milestone in what may be called regional ecumenicity has been the formation of the Near East Council of Churches (NECC) at a four-day assembly at Cairo in April, attended by delegates from 20 Protestant, Anglican, and Eastern Orthodox Churches.

Marking an important new development in the Christian unity movement, it is the third such organization to emerge in the past five years.

Last year, the All African Conference of Churches came into being at Kampala, Uganda, attended by some 300 African Protestant and Orthodox leaders from 42 countries. In 1959, the East Asia Christian Conference, an autonomous organization of churches in 14 countries from West Pakistan to New Zealand, was inaugurated at Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

A fourth regional body, the Pacific Conference of Churches, that will include 21 churches in the Pacific area, is expected to be formally constituted at Lae, New Guinea, in April, 1966.

Like its existing sister organizations, the Near East Council of Churches, whose member bodies cover a geographical span from Algeria to Iran, is expected to maintain close relations with the World Council of Churches although not officially affiliated with it.

Chairman of the NECC, whose headquarters will be in Beirut, Lebanon, is the Rev. Tawfik Gayyid, an Egyptian. The Rev. Samuel Habib of the Egyptian Evangelical Church, was named executive secretary, and the Rev. J. Lowrie Anderson, a missionary of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., was appointed associate secretary.

Actually, the NECC is a reincarnation of the former Near East Christian Council which was founded in 1927 as an agency comprising all West-sponsored missionary societies of North Africa and South West Asia. However, with formal dissolution of this group at Cairo, and inauguration the next day of the NECC, a vital change was affected. Whereas the earlier group embraced missionary organizations, the new body is restricted to churches only, the missionary societies being entitled only to representation through churches with which they are affiliated.

Because of the nature of its membership the original Council inhibited any

## Rev. Percel O. Alston Takes National Post

The Rev. Percel O. Alston, Assistant Superintendent and Minister of Christian Education of the Convention of the South since January 1, 1956, has resigned to accept the position as a secretary of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

The resignation will take effect September 1, 1964. Mr. Alston will serve on the staff of the Division of Christian Education and will be working especially in the field of leadership development.

Mr. Alston is a native of Norfolk, Va., where his father, the Rev. R. J. Alston, served as pastor of several churches. He was educated in the public schools of Norfolk, Va., Virginia Union University, and Andover Newton Theological School. Before coming to the staff of the Convention of the South, Mr. Alston served as pastor-director of Midway Congregational Church and Dorchester Center, McIntosh, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Alston and their three children, Taitu, Karen, and Percel Jr., will make their new home in the vicinity of Philadelphia, Pa., where Mr. Alston will have an office at 1505 Race Street.

## The Southeast News Needs Your News

The Southeast News is eager to print news from the churches. Does your church send in news items regularly? They don't have to be typed so long as we can read them. We are also happy to print pictures. This is an invitation. We hope you will accept!

participation by Orthodox Churches, but the new body, inspired as it is by the growing new ecumenical movement, offers Eastern and Western churches membership on an equal footing. Its membership includes not only such bodies as Egyptian Evangelical Church and Episcopal Churches in Egypt and Iraq, but the Syrian Orthodox Church, only Eastern body so far represented.

The general outreach of the NECC embraces North Africa, Egypt, Sudan, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Turkey, Greece, Iraq, Arabia, and Iran.

## Youth Work Camp Visits Churches In Tennessee

Did you ever hear of a Church Work Camp? The idea is to go somewhere and do some useful work. You pay your own way and do the work gratis.

Such a group of nine senior high young people came to Robbins Parish recently from Hinsdale, Ill., under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Richard Lewis. Two of the young people were from Iowa. They brought their air mattresses along, and the boys stayed in the basement and the girls upstairs in the parsonage. Before it was over the neighbors loaned enough cots so that only two boys had to sleep on benches. They bought their own food, cooked their own meals, washed their own dishes, and invited the pastor to be their guest! The brick yard pond provided a welcome daily dip.

Half of the group conducted the Vacation Bible School at Robbins in the morning with the help of Judy Goad, Wynema Pemberton, Jane Garrett, Faye Reed, and Mrs. Elsie Phillips. In the afternoon that same half went to Glen Mary where local young people joined them in making and painting hymn book racks for the pews and in sending and painting the furniture in the beginner's room a soft green.

The other half took their lunch each morning and went to Deer Lodge. They painted the large room, two Sunday School rooms, the eaves in the front and back, and worked with Mr. Henry Strand in putting down the plywood on the floor of the large room. Then the men of the church stayed until one o'clock laying the tile.

On Saturday they creosoted the woodwork on the front of Barton Chapel, swept the basement and waxed the floors at the parsonage. They enjoyed a swim at Cumberland State Park, paid for by the Deer Lodge Church. Glen Mary entertained them with a party at the church, and Robbins paid for a chicken dinner they had at Ellis' Grill.

We were just getting acquainted when it was time for them to leave. I just heard from the Iowa minister, Chandler Adams, that his daughter, Karen, was one of the campers. Chandler comes from South Alabama and I knew him some years ago.

Annie R. Campbell, Pastor

## New Film On Poverty Available To Churches

"The Captive," a 16mm sound motion picture film, black and white, running 29 minutes, has just been received in the convention office for immediate booking. It was filmed in Appalachia under the sponsorship of seven cooperating denominations, including the United Church of Christ.

The purpose of the film is to point out the extent and effect of poverty, especially poverty of the spirit, and to stimulate discussion relative to the means of eliminating poverty — to free the captive poor. In the light of our Christian concern and President Johnson's declaration of all-out war on poverty, this film could not be more timely.

A new technique in filming reveals a story so dramatic that it could only be told by the people who lived it, and whose experiences are documented with such telling force that audiences will be deeply stirred. This is not a film to entertain people — it is a film that will probe deeply into Christian consciences. Such soul searching may merely release elaborate rationalizations to justify continued selfishness, but there may also arise a new will to help free the millions held captive by poverty.

This film not only enables audiences to identify with the residents of Appalachia but also with the problems of the American Indians, migratory workers, and Spanish speaking Americans. It also enables you to meet a minister who for eleven years has struggled to help people in Appalachia. Like his faithful fellow servants throughout the nation, this minister is a source of hope and freedom to the "hidden millions."

This is the story of a man struggling to escape from the crushing bonds of poverty, his hopes, his fears, his frustrations. Herb Honnecker and his family live in Appalachia. His one skill — to dig and load coal — is now obsolete.

Unable to find work he is forced to go on a government aid program that pays a dollar an hour supplemented by a limited amount of farm surplus food. Although Herb's monthly check for \$160.00 allows his family of five to survive, it is far from adequate to cover all their expenses. With the passing

## Sudden Death Takes Rev. Ira J. Robinson

The Reverend Ira Jefferson Robinson, Rt. 2, DeFuniak Springs, Fla., died on Saturday, May 30, 1964, following a sudden illness.

Mr. Robinson, who joined the South Alabama-Northwest Florida Association as a ministerial member several years ago, was serving the Pyron's Chapel Congregational Christian Church, Baker, Fla., and the New Effort Congregational Christian Church, Bonifay, Fla., as pastor.

He was the chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Churches of the South Alabama-Northwest Florida Association and had been active in the various programs of the association.

Funeral services were conducted on June 1 at the Cluster Springs, Fla., Church.

A native of Vernon, Fla., he had resided in DeFuniak Springs for six years. He formerly lived in Lake Wales. He was employed at Liberty School in addition to his work with the churches. He was a member of the Glendale Masonic Lodge, 225 F & A M.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Bert J. of Jacksonville; three daughters, Mrs. Lydia Foran of McClenney, Mrs. Mazie Schrieber of Lake Wales, and Mrs. Frances Smith of Penacea. In addition, there are four brothers, one sister, 14 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

of each month he finds himself more deeply in debt. Herb is strong and eager to work. He wants desperately to better himself. He needs a substantial job.

The Reverend Jack Weller, a minister in the southern mountains, finds it heartbreaking to see Herb cast on the industrial scrapheap. Sensing that Herb is on the verge of giving up hope, Jack Weller encourages him to go to the city where the church will attempt to relocate him. Three weeks later he is back. Poverty of spirit was on the way to making another captive. In his failure Herb identifies with the "hidden millions" who are bypassed by our affluent society, unwanted and unneeded. Deeply concerned, Jack Weller reflects that we cannot afford to sit idly by and permit this human tragedy to continue.